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Honorable Birch Bayh, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of notification (Q#3392) regarding the establishment of a consultant panel to advise the Select Committee on reconnaissance questions. It is my hope that considerable benefit will result from the study of the panel, and I believe this can be maximized if the panel takes a more general and long-range approach to the issues, rather than specifically reviewing and commenting on the F'Y-1980 budget recommendations.

The Intelligence Community will cooperate fully in assisting the panel, and we would appreciate being informed of its conclusions and recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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